"I love [Case Manager], she helps me with work and getting to group to see my friends" -Participant



"my mentor taught me to ride a bike and work at the library. Now he will teach me how to swim"-Participant



"This waiver has been very beneficial to my son. Without DDS I don't think he would have a job and be so successful" -Parent



"It's been great to partner with DDS. They know a lot about our individuals with ASD and it shows!" -Collaborating Agency



Meet the Division

From L to R

Lisa Berghauser, Case Manager
Jennifer Bogin, Director
Michael J. Blaszko, Case Management
Supervisor
Alison M. Hummel, Case Manager
Kenneth G. Smith, Case Manager
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DIVISION OF AUTISM SPECTRUM SERVICES



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Mission and Vision

Mission

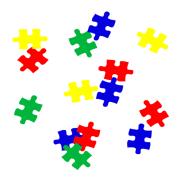
The mission of the Department of Developmental Services is to partner with the individuals we support and their families, to support lifelong planning and to join with others to create and promote meaningful opportunities for individuals to fully participate as valued members of their communities.

Vision

All citizens supported by the Department of Developmental Services are valued contributors to their communities as family members, friends, neighbors, students, employees, volunteers, members of civic and religious associations, voters and advocates.

Autism Division Vision (draft)

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is the lead agency for autism in the state. The Autism Division within DDS is committed to providing comprehensive, coordinated and effective supports and services for DDS consumers with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. The Division's services ensure that our consumers may engage in meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life.





What is a Waiver?

The Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver is a way for the State to receive partial reimbursement from the Federal Government for providing needed community based programs and supports designed to enable individuals to leave institutional setting or to prevent their placement into institutional settings in the first place. The Federal Government reimburses Connecticut 50% of the cost of services and supports for people enrolled in the HCBS Waiver. This reimbursement helps the state fund programs that might otherwise not be affordable. The reimbursement is received through the Medicaid program; therefore, a person must be enrolled in Medicaid to participate.

Waiver Services may include:

Community Companion Homes (formerly Community Training Homes)
Live-in Companion
Respite
Assistive Technology
Clinical Behavioral Support Services
Community Mentor
Individual Goods and Services
Interpreter Services
Job Coaching
Life Skills Coach
Non-Medical Transportation
Personal Emergency Response System
Social Skills Group
Specialized Driving Assessment

HCBS/Autism Waiver Eligibility

The following criteria will determine eligibility for inclusion and will be established through a review of personal, clinical and educational records. Records need to indicate:

- 1. Medicaid Eligible
- 2. Cognitive and adaptive functioning above the level of mental retardation (i.e. IQ equal to or greater than 70)
- 3. At least 3 years of age
- 4. Have a primary diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) made through Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluation(s) that clearly outline the justifications for the differential diagnosis

For children ages 3-7 where a valid IQ cannot be Determined, eligibility will be based upon a diagnosis of an ASD and developmental delays.

- 5. Legal Residency in the State of Connecticut
- 6. Impairment prior to age 22 years
- 7. Impairment expected to continue indefinitely (chronic)

How to Apply

Call the Department of Developmental Services
Autism Spectrum Services Division at:
860-418-6078 to request an application or
you may visit www.ct.gov/dds and click on the
Division of Autism link.

Application, checklist and packet material can be mailed to:

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